

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2330 without my signature.

Volunteer Firefighters' Length of Service Award System (VFLSAS) is a local program that has historically been financed through local government participants. The program was established to provide an incentive and recruitment tool for local fire departments and districts that utilize volunteer firefighters by offering lifetime awards to their volunteer firefighters.

This bill requires that the administrative costs, now being paid by the local agencies for the VFLSAS program, be shifted to the State. This bill mandates funding from the General Fund at a time when the State is unable to absorb additional costs.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger